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Sir:

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The enclosed references were cited in a German Examination Report dated June 27, 2003 from the corresponding German priority application or an International Search Report dated January 20, 2004 from the corresponding International Application. Copies of both reports are enclosed.
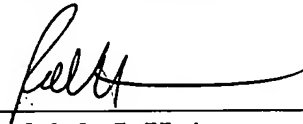
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A translation of the German Examination Report is attached which notes the pertinence of the non-English language references cited therein.

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